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IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC
DEVICE FOR STREPTOCOCCUS A
ANTIGEN

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) Group Art Unit: 1645

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) Examiner: Ja-Na Hines

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F. R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed July 30, 2002. This extension is effective to allow the timely filing of a response up to and including December 30, 2002.

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Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the extension fee associated with this Petition. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee required or to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1273.

Respectfully submitted,

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